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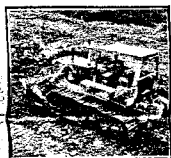
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SGT Donnie Hampton, Co C, 1/123 AR signals members of his patrol to prepare an ambush against the OPFOR during the resident phase of the Kentucky Military Academy's first satellite PLDC course at Fort Knox. (Photo — 1LT Phil Miller, 133d PAD)

AT EASE

The Spring (April-May) issue of The Bluegrass Guard salutes the Kentucky Guard's Noncommissioned Officer Corps with words from the NCO and Soldier of the year, as well as a view of the Kentucky Military Academy's innovative approach to PLDC that takes the training to troops. This issue also combines photos and stories from training exercises and active duty missions carried out by Air and Army Guard units during this period, so take a look...you'll probably see someone you know!

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State Of The Guard Message

BG Davidson delivered the State of the Guard Message during the 1989 General Conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky.

I can report to you that we've had a very full year...a year of solid accomplishment...and a year of great promise.

We have undertaken many major initiatives, and as I was preparing a review of the events of the year for this presentation it became apparent to me, as it often does, that what we term new initiatives, are really nothing more than building on the successes of those officers and guardsmen who have preceded us.

Nowhere, I think, the challenges have been as great, or the success so clear, as in the Kentucky Air National Guard.

They have been challenged with a new mission, new airframe, and they have attacked the C-130 world with the same high degree of professionalism and the same 'can-do' attitude that has made success a tradition in our Air Guard.

As if a new mission were not enough, they're looking at a complete relocation of their entire facility...one that will give them the rare opportunity to have built from the ground up, a brand new Air Guard facility to the tune of about \$70 million dollars.

Governor Wilkinson has roamed the halls of the Pentagon, which many governors do not do, in support of that effort...and we've had some other support, which I would like to mention...we're trying hard to move from eight not-quite-new C-130's to 12 Hotel models right off the production line in about two years.

In addition to the governor's support, I have to publicly recognize that (Senator) Wendell Ford has been a very strong and constant advocate on this issue in Washington.

Not only does he co-chair the National Guard caucus in the Congress, but he has taken on our C-130 modernization as a special project...and I thank him on your behalf for that effort.

In addition to a new mission and a new home, our Air Guard has received the first Combat Control Team in the Reserve Components, anywhere.

Finally, I will mention, the Air Guard is becoming an integral part of the ground training of the Army National Guard.

The 149th Armor Brigade went to Fort Hood for annual training, commanded and controlled its battalions in the field, and exercised as a mature maneuver unit...they did an excellent job.

Upscale they are moving into the 35th Infantry Division with a

TAG LINES

By
BG Michael
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Davidson



vengence, and they are participating in that division maneuver function. Downscale, we are going back to blocking and tackling with our infantry and armor battalions.

The 138th continues to set the standard for artillery.

Once again the 1/623, as you know, has received the Kerwin award as the best battalion of any type in all the states. You can't do better than that...they are the best in the business in the artillery world.

In my view they are challenged by the 2/128th, who may have had the best AT of any battalion in the Guard this year.

Our Aviation Brigade trained at Camp Eagle (Colorado) — they told me how austere it was, and I believed them until they told me it was 22 miles from Vail.

The 3/123d Tank has become attached to the Aviation Brigade for command and control. They are receiving M-1 tanks ahead of their 3-year schedule, and at the close of this annual training cycle, they will be one-year ahead of schedule...that unit has the potential, in my opinion, to become the single-most combat ready armor battalion in the Reserve components.

Our Troop Command has discovered the tactical view of the world. They are out supporting our maneuver units and they are conducting various civic projects which provide worthwhile training opportunities...I have called upon them to look over the horizon in the engineer world and develop an "E-force" test bed for Kentucky.

The STARC staff accompanied me through the obstacle course at Artemus. I will report to you that before we did that, my enthusiasm level was perhaps a little greater than theirs. But they have responded very well, and we're going to schedule a rematch for the obstacle course.

The Command Sergeant's Major of the Guard are going through the same course with me in April, the brigade commanders in early summer, and General Smith has promised to schedule an Air Guard day on the obstacle course.

You may have noticed we have a new rappelling tower at the Boone

Center...that is a facility we bring our troops into for IDT training and we have increased our allocation of air assault school slots.

What I am attempting to do is infect the leadership of the guard, you folks, with the soldiering skills and enthusiasm that will allow us to continue, as our enlisted soldier of the year so articulately said, to lead by example.

We have gone far and wide in aggressively seeking training opportunities...we've been to Honduras and Guatemala and Bolivia.

We ran the full gamut of drought to flood, all in one year.

On the Green-Gray sweep, we got no federal funding, but eradicated twice as many (marijuana) plants (as the previous year). This year we have been funded adequately, we will do more, and we will sustain that effort for a longer period of time.

We have created a Veterans Affairs branch to administer the Viet Nam Veterans Bonus and the new Veterans Nursing Home.

In the economic development world, we have undertaken a wide range of efforts. We are looking at the possibility of taking over a significant portion of the Lexington Bluegrass Army Depot, both for use by the Guard and as an umbrella organization to keep many hundreds of jobs there.

We have economic development efforts pending for the city of Frankfort...we have requested to be designated as a center of activity for the Department of Defense.

Let me tell you why...200 years ago and more we started an American experience, a concept that a free people in a free nation, could chart their own course in a very troubled war, in a very difficult world...that concept in 1776 was revolutionary...it took a militia army and a war to bring this country about...that concept — the freedom of this country — is as revolutionary today as it was then.

The people who have served in the field, who are represented here, have maintained our freedom.

The names from the Kentucky Guard that are etched in granite in our Viet Nam Memorial in Frankfort have maintained our freedom, and every day, every day, we continue to earn our peace and our freedom by our training.

When Kentucky needs us, we are there.

When America needs us, we are there.

You do me great honor by allowing me to serve with you, and I challenge you to match the promise of this past year with our performance in the coming year.

I wish you good luck and Godspeed.

State NGA Honors Guard's Best

Soldier of the Year

SPC John K. Geisler,
Battery A,
2/138th Field Artillery



"I was in the store the other day and right behind me was a man and his small son...and the boy wanted a candy bar.

His father looked at him and said no you can't have one. The boy got a little bit upset, threw the candy bar down and came off with a few obscenities. The father looked at him, you could tell he was embarrassed and a little bit upset with the behavior of his son...and he said "how may times have I told you I don't want to hear that ----!"

I believe we have seen situations comparable to this many times before.

Consider, for example, the NCO or Officer needing a haircut, reprimanding a Private for his boots not being shined...nowhere in military regulations is it written "do as I say, not as I do" instead it says "leadership by example."

There are three types of soldiers and airmen, from my perspective (a) Those who don't meet standards, (b) Those who do, and (c) Those who set standards. Being an Officer or NCO and not falling into the latter category is not giving your profession the justice it deserves.

I am very honored to accept this award...and the reward of the NCO's and Officers who set the standards is my respect and gratitude. Thank you very much.

NCO of the Year

MSgt David F. Pope,
123d Weapons Systems
Security Flight



I would be very remiss at this time if I didn't make a statement, and that statement is that I regard this award as a high honor and one that I will cherish throughout my military career...but I would also certainly be remiss if I didn't point out that although the award is for outstanding Guardsman, all the Guardsmen in our Guard units are turly outstanding...I doubt very seriously that standing before you today is the outstanding Guardsman.

We take pride in what we do, we take pride in being Americans. The Guard is made up of the best of the best in the armed forces of the United States, and I call upon you as the officers of this association and of the Kentucky Guard, to remember that pride is the number one job accomplishment...If your people take pride in what they do, then motivation will automatically follow.

Each one of you can take a look inside yourself and try to think of a reason or two that you're in the military service...and you have to come out several answers, but I think other than being a citizen and proud to be an American, you will find that pride is your number one driving force.

Soldiers, Bosses have rights, responsibilities

By MSG Kenny Bruner
Family Programs Coordinator

One of the major factors considered when an individual joins the Kentucky Army or Air National Guard or contemplates continual service is what effect that service to state and nation will have on the individual's civilian employment. The rights of all Guardpersons to participate are protected by federal law (Chapter 43, Title 38, U.S. Code).

Here are some rights and responsibilities affecting both Guardpersons and employers.

Rights and Responsibilities

You must be released from work to attend military training, and you cannot be fired for seeking time off to go to training. You must also get your vacation; military time cannot be charged against vacations. You can perform voluntary duty with these same rights.

There are no limits on the number of times you can go to training. You must receive your job back, or its equivalent, when you return from military duty. For extended active duty, the limitation is four years.

Reserve component members also retain benefits like seniority, status and rate of pay.

Responsibilities of Guard Members

Members of the Guard must ask for training time off. Military duty is not simply an excuse to fail to show for work. You must also report back to work on the next scheduled workday after completion of your military duty.

Rights of Employers

Employers are entitled to know their employees' military training schedule as far in advance as possible. They may also ask Guard members for copies of military orders. They may also deny pay or special work scheduling arrangements to Guard members who have been off work due to military duty.

For mor complete information concerning job rights you can find a comprehensive report of the law in Part IV, *National Guard Almanac* at your unit. You may also contact the Kentucky National Guard Equal Employment Manager at (502) 564-8450 or call the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve at 1-800-336-4590.

Your unit was provided a card for each member to present to his or her civilian employer indicating drill dates, AT periods and other information. Get a copy and give it to your employer so the military and civilian relationship can work.

SGT Glenn Mattingly — Lifesaver

SGT Glenn Mattingly of C Battery, 138th Field Artillery, knows how important training can be — even when it seems that training may never be used. Twice in a four-month period, the Bardstown native used lifesaving procedures he learned in the National Guard to save two people who were choking to death.

In December, Mattingly was grocery shopping in Bardstown when a checker announced over the intercom that help was needed to save a young girl who was choking. A piece of cookie had lodged in three-year-old Kim Adams' throat, causing her lung to collapse. When Mattingly heard the plea for help, he rushed to the girl and gave her mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until the ambulance arrived.

Kim's mother Deborah said her daughter, who has muscular dystrophy, had choked several times before but she was always able to help the child recover. This time it was Mattingly's turn to perform the heroics.

"Helping the girl was an automatic reaction," said the 24-year-old sergeant. "With her lung collapsed, all I could do was give her mouth-to-mouth and try to keep her breathing until the paramedics arrived."

The young girl was rushed to Flaget Memorial Hospital, where she stopped breathing again and was revived by



Photo by Terry Boyd, Kentucky Standard

hospital staff. From there, she was transferred to Kosair Children's Hospital.

In April, Mattingly was attending a company barbecue at Kaden Management Co. in Jefferson County, where he works as a landscape supervisor. When fellow employee Max White stood up suddenly, Mattingly said he glanced over, but didn't realize what was happening until a woman yelled that he was choking.

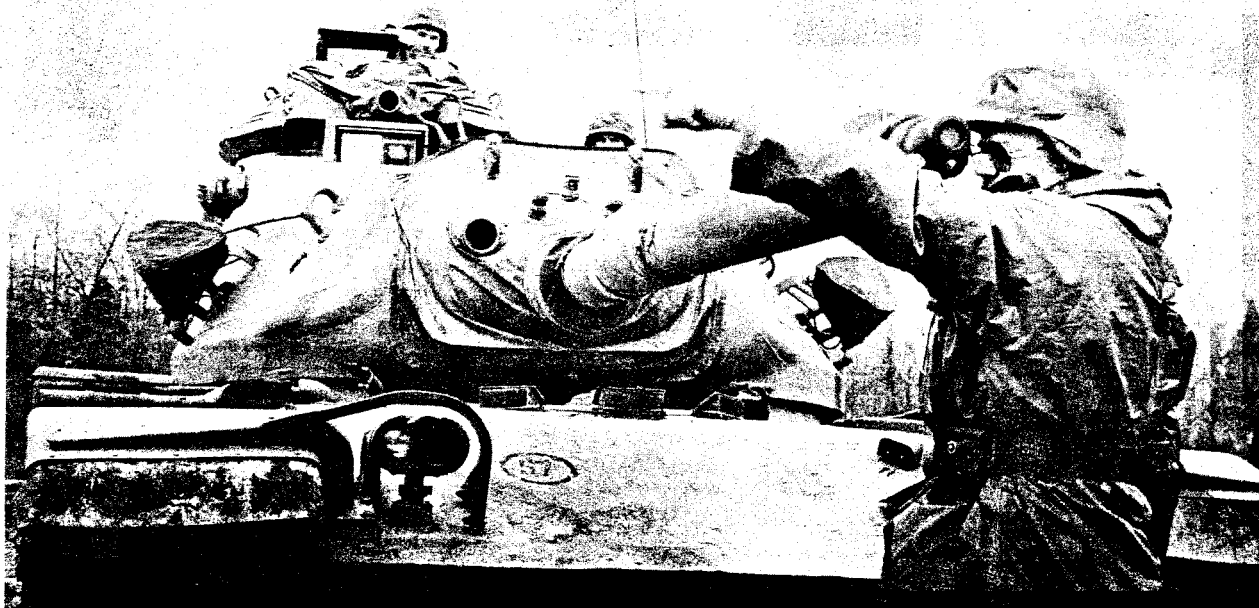
"I grabbed him and did the Heimlich maneuver, but he had a piece of steak lodged pretty tight in this throat," Mattingly recalled. "I tilted him forward, gave him a couple of

blows on the back and knocked it loose."

Although he doesn't feel he's a hero, SGT Mattingly said he "feels good to be able to save someone's life." Earlier this year, he received a certificate of appreciation from Jefferson County Judge-Executive Harvey Sloane and this month was presented the Army Commendation Medal by Colonel Thomas Ice, 138th Field Artillery Brigade Commander.

"These events are an excellent example of why soldiers should take every minute of training — so they will be able to use it if it is ever needed," said Ice.

1/123d Armor at WETSITE



BORESIGHTING the M60A3's main gun was one of the ARTEP tasks on the 1/123's training agenda.

While the scout and mortar platoon tracks of the 1/123d AR Bn maneuvered around the Western Kentucky Weekend Training Site (WK-WETSITE) in mid-March, the combat skill proficiency of the battalion's tank crews was getting a thorough going-over to see if ARTEP standards were being met.

"At homestation we've been working on sand tables and maps," said 1LT James Bussey, battalion training technician. "Out here at the WETSITE, we actually get to do all the things we need to do with the tanks like boresighting and laying the main gun preparing the

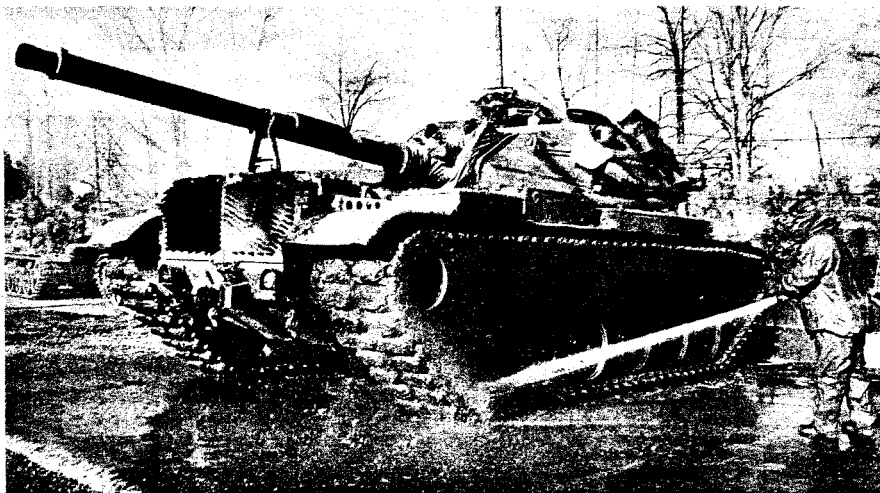
gunner's station, setting up a range card, and preparing the tank for a three man crew."

"Last year we had a battalion ARTEP, this year it's down to the company level and that's what we'll be doing at Fort Hood during annual training in July."

LT Bussey added that each tank company will be spending two and a half days on the ARTEP testing circuit during AT, where the tankers will have to occupy an assembly area, perform a tactical road march, breach obstacles, go through a contaminated area, battle the OPFOR, reach and secure an objective and set up a night ambush.



ROLLING ON — tracks of the battalion's scout platoon leave UTES #2 for training on the former strip mine land that is now the West Kentucky WETSITE.



WASH RACK — Tank crewmen found the chill winds of March made the ritual of getting rid of the FTX weekend's mud and dust a frigid event.

Photos by 1LT Phil Miller and SGT Bob Ham, 133d PAD



INTO THE THICK OF IT — an excavator equipped with swamp pads, and a front endloader kept the Engineer's fleet of dump trucks busy hauling sludge from the lake bed to one of two dump sites.



THE CHIEF — Standing on the dam, MAJ Clyde Johnson illustrates how far his crews had to dig down to get the lake back to its desired depth of 15 feet.



THE PROJECT — Viewed from the veranda of Natural Bridge State Park's main lodge, members of the KyARNG Engineers rerouted the main channel of the lake so dredging operations could be carried out in the drained portion.

Mud To The Max!

Story and Photos by 1LT Phil Miller,
133d PAD

When MAJ Clyde Johnson finished putting together a rough estimate of how much mud and silt his engineers would have to scoop out of the three-foot deep, seven-acre lake at Natural Bridge State Resort Park, in order to deepen it to its original depth of 15 feet, the figures on his calculator told him it was time to get down to business, literally.

According to Park manager Junes Hudson, the lake (which is situated below the park lodge and is actually the Middle Fork of the Red River) had been filling up for more than 10 years with silt or sludge from erosion upstream caused by logging and mining operations.

"Finally it got to a point last year where people who took out our paddle boats were getting stuck and having to step out to push the boats out of the mud," Hudson added.

After receiving the approval of the Governor, the project foreman, SGT Bobby Turner of Co D., 206th EN BN, set up 12-hour work schedules for the 17 soldiers drawn from units throughout the Battalion and soon had them tackling the first phase of the job—draining the lake.

"Then we had to reroute the river and start digging this stuff out," said Turner, kicking a hardened clump of bluish sludge with the scuffed toe of a combat boot, "on a

good day we haul about 90 dumptruck loads, at about 5-tons per load to one of the fill sites."

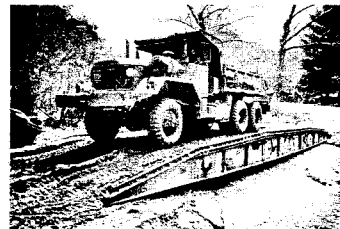
But not all of the activity at the project was geared solely to construction work, combat skills were also being put to use.

"I'm combining two missions here," said MAJ Johnson "as far as we're concerned, this is a tactical exercise for the troops, complete with an operation order and defense plans that include placement and construction of obstacles."

"Also, this is the first time we've used an AVLB (Armored Vehicle Launched Bridge) in an actual construction project...it's working out great...our guys are getting better training here with the equipment than they would get at three summer camps!"

"Yeah, it's good training," interrupted SGT Turner, chuckling "but you've got to admit, this job's a mess, there's mud 14 feet deep in some places...and I'm a telling you, we're getting to be regular experts at getting dozers unstuck!"

"That's right," a smiling MAJ Johnson continued, "and I'd say that when the 206th Engineers get through here, the folks who came down here last year and got used to stepping out of those little boats into a couple of feet of water will definitely be in for a big surprise!"



CREEKCROSSING — One of the 206th's five-ton dump trucks crosses the Armored Vehicle Launched Bridge (AVLB) that battalion soldiers periodically had to move as the dredging operation progressed from one side of the lake to the other.

High Five

152 Complete Modified PLDC

By SGT Rick Baker

133d PAD

The first modified Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) for National Guardsmen and Reservists held at the Kentucky Military Academy proved to be an overwhelming success — all of the 152 soldiers attending graduated.

The perfect graduation rate pleased SGM Wayne Jordan, the PLDC Commandant, because it proves how effective the team concept is.

The concept is for E-4's and NCO's who need PLDC to get promoted to attend 62 hours of instruction during four weekend drills at their home units, then take the final week of instruction at the KMA headquarters at Ft. Knox.

"The soldier gets qualified for promotion and can still spend drill weekends and one week of annual training with his home unit," said Jordan. "It also cuts down on what we call 'windshield time' — driving during training periods. The only one on the road during the weekends is the instructor."

Jordan added that it is more economical and practical for the instructor to go to the units instead of having students drive to Ft. Knox.

"This is one of the smoothest operations you could have wanted," said Jordan. "We're getting outstanding support from the 125th ARCOM instructors and mess teams."

Many of the instructors, who are from the 2074th USAR School, agree

with Jordan's assessment of the idea.

"The program is more refined, there is better support and everybody's teamed together to form the one-Army concept," said SFC Thomas Ender. "There's no distinction among our students — they all wear the same uniform."

SSG James Dean said the instructors also feel a sense of accomplishment.

"The program is now based on a 'go or no go' basis," said Dean. "If any remedial training is needed, we can provide it on the spot. If there are any problems, we can fix them."

KMA leaders are also pleased with the initial results.

"The program is going very well," said LTC Bill Robbins, KMA commander. "We've had some normal logistical problems, but nothing we can't handle. The support from the 125th ARCOM has been excellent."

"The idea is adding to the 'one Army, one team' concept. The 2d Army headquarters is watching closely to see how well it works."

If the overall concept continues to be successful, Robbins added that it could be expanded to include the basic and advanced NCO courses.

"This program is the best way to get our people qualified for promotion," said Jordan. "We can't handle that number of people on a 15-day basis year-round and have the same success rate we've had. Even though the concept is relatively new, we've got it all put together."



LOOKOUT — SGT Rommie Ray guards his squad's flank while awaiting word from the squad leader.



PATROL TECHNIQUE — PLDC students moved out on one of the many MILES equipment-enhanced patrols conducted during the resident phase of the first satellite NCOES course at KMA.



Photos by LT Phil Miller, 133d PAD

to move forward and engage the OPFOR in an ambush.



TIME CHECK — SGT Donnie Hampton gives time and details of his squad's encounter with the OPFOR to SGT Richard Moore, HHC 2/123 AR BN, for transmittal to their unit headquarters.



PRISONER GRAB — His squad's mission a success, SGT Donnie Hampton marches a member of the OPFOR away from a truck seized during the ambush.



AMBUSH PLANS — The squad leader receives a scouting report on OPFOR activities prior to moving members of his team into concealment along a road.



206th Engineers attempt to extract a 5 ton dump truck from a roadside ditch.



Members of the 149th Infantry approach enemy positions while a Blackhawk from the 135th Aviation Battalion provides air cover.

Armor, Air, Mech Combine Arms

By SGT Bob Walters, 133d PAD

ARTEMUS, Ky. — As dawn approached on the first day of the Combined Arms Exercise, the sky showed the signs of continued rain, lightning and generally bad weather.

For the first time in recent history, elements from Armor, Artillery, Infantry, Engineers and Aviation combined in a joint exercise training effort during drill status. These elements began moving into the Eastern Kentucky Training Site on Friday night in preparation for two days of "intensive, high performance training and preparation for Annual Training at Ft. Hood, Texas," according to Capt. Donald Storm, S-1, 149th Mechanized Infantry.

While flight crews of the 35th Aviation Brigade were giving members of the 149th Infantry Battalion a feel for air insertion using the UH-60 "Blackhawk" helicopter, other elements from the 2nd Battalion/123d Armor, 149th Infantry, 2nd/138th Field Artillery and the 206th Engineer Battalions were participating in training involving offensive and defensive formations and maneuvers.

Not to be left out in the activities, the maintenance portion of the 149th Infantry Battalion had set up a motor stable and all wheeled vehicles in the battalion were going through this "stable" for inspection and minor maintenance in preparation for the trip to, and activities of Annual Training, at Ft. Hood, Texas.

As the exercises were being conducted, the administrative activities to support the individuals and the preparation for Annual Training were also in progress. All of the personnel and medical files of the members of the 149th Infantry had been screened and those needing physicals, identification cards, required briefings or the GED pretest were sent to the Administrative Area for these activities.

"This has been some of the most intensive training we've ever taken on," said LTC Larry Arnett, Battalion Commander, 149th Infantry "and we are trying to get the most out of this opportunity" as preparations were being made for another assault on the hasty and deliberate defensive positions of the 206th Engineers.

As one observer commented while watching the oncoming assault of tanks, armored personnel carriers, Improved Tow Vehicles and Infantry top the crest of the hill and head toward the defensive fortifications, "even knowing that this is an exercise, the sight of all that power coming toward you still makes your skin crawl. I would sure hate to have that coming at me for real!"



A tanker from the 123d Armor scans the tree line while his tank generates smoke in preparation for an attack on enemy positions during the recent joint arms training weekend conducted at the Eastern Kentucky Training Site, Artemus, Ky.

HANGING OUT

Recruiters, ROTC Cadets Fly High Over Frankfort

By SGT Bob Walters
133d PAD

Over sixty students, including ROTC cadets, recruiters and retention NCO's, were "flying high" at Boone National Guard Center during two days of training in March. Rappelling from heights of 75 to 100 feet, the students endured cold weather, rotor wash and the anticipation of their first rappell to make it a memorable experience.

Before participation in the helicopter phase of training, all students were required to complete at least ten hours of ground school and tower training off the 60-foot tower located at Boone Center. Then each student was required to complete four successful rappels off the tower before advancement to the helicopter phase.

Both UH-60 Blackhawks and UH-1 Hueys were used in the training exercise, with students required to make two rappels from each type of aircraft.

"What we're doing is carrying out a TAG-directed training initiative designed to create a nucleus of soldiers in the state who are qualified to do helicopter rappelling," said MAJ Allen Youngman, assistant chief of staff and coordinator of the rappel training. MAJ Youngman further stated, "The chief purpose of this skill will be to put on demonstrations in support of various recruiting missions, with a secondary purpose of being prepared

to respond to other state contingency requirements."

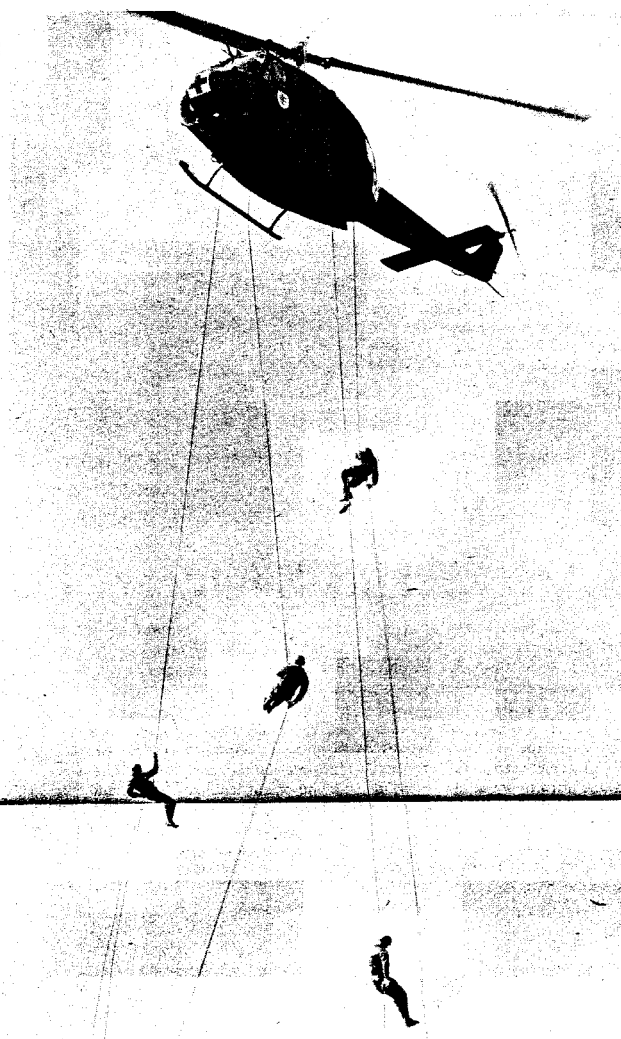
Due to bad weather in early March, two classes were combined, creating a much larger group for the helicopter phase of training. The normal class size usually ranges from 30 to 35 students. The next phase of training for the students will consist of tactical rappelling, which is executed without the use of a belay man on the ground. Each student, after successfully completing the helicopter phase, will receive certification stating that he has completed the required training and will be qualified to helicopter rappel for the next 90 days.

All the instructors used for the training are air assault or rappel master qualified. According to CDT James Byrd, from Morehead State University, "This is some of the best training of this type that I have ever experienced." CDT Byrd graduated from airborne training last summer and plans to attend air assault school this summer.

There was much confidence and self satisfaction displayed on the faces of these current "high fliers" after completion of their first helicopter rappels. There will be more training for these students, but it is quite evident that they anxiously await their first opportunity to demonstrate their newly acquired skills as rappellers in the Kentucky Army National Guard.



CRITICAL EYE — Course instructor MAJ Bill Whitney (left) observes the rappelling and belaying techniques employed as one of his students nears the end of a helicopter rappel.



GOING DOWN — Four members of the weekend rappelling class depart a hovering UH-1 helicopter as they put their training into practice at the end of the two-day session.



RIGGIN UP — Rappelling course students received a hand from Adjutant General Michael W. Davidson (right) while hooking up STABO harnesses to a UH-1 prior to being lifted up and away during the final phase of training.

FLOOD DUTY

A Kentucky Army Guardsman at the helm, Gov. Wallace G. Wilkinson and members of the state news media prepare to take a boat tour of flood damage near Confluence in Leslie County. Guardsmen were placed on state active duty to assist the several hundred Kentuckians left stranded by late spring floods that swept through several east Kentucky mountain communities. (Photo by LT Phil Miller, 133d PAD)



KYANG Flight Engineers Learning New Jobs

By Maj. Toby Harrell

123d TAW Public Affairs Office

In its transition this year to the C-130B transport plane, one of the biggest changes for the Kentucky Air National Guard has been the third cockpit crew position of the "flight engineer."

The flight engineer, or FE, sits just behind the throttle quadrant, giving him not only a desirable window and aisle seat, but also a myriad view of switches, dials and instruments for which he is responsible. From there the FE assists the pilots in operating many subsystems of the C-130 and monitoring the overall operation of the plane.

Currently the 165th TAS has six fully trained flight engineers on base with nine more in some phase of training. The first portion of their training is a performance school where the engineer trainees undergo detailed instruction on take-off and landing data.

Quite a few numbers go into the computation of C-130 consideration.

For example, the "numbers" for a slightly loaded C-130 taking off from a paved runway at sea-level, on a cool day with a head-wind, are significantly different from the "numbers" for a heavier plane on a hot day taking off from a dirt strip in the mountains. The information taught at the performance is important enough to demand six weeks of ground-school instruction in looking at and interpreting many charts and tables.

After six weeks of crunching numbers, the FEs finally get into the real flying business. Phase I training, which is ground school, simulators and flying training, lasts 10 weeks and two days. At this time the FEs actually coordinate with the pilots to receive hands-on training in operating the transport plane.

MSGT. Bill Hawkins, one of the 165th's fully qualified FEs, enjoys working with the crew concept and working with the pilots.

"We love it," Sergeant Hawkins said. "It's very challenging, very interesting and definitely new to us — something we've never been involved in."

During Phase I training, all crew members get involved in the new concept — working together to get the job done. "Engine-out" procedures are practiced, as are many other one-system or compounded emergency situations.

In the by-gone days of RF-4C Phantom II aircraft, a problem was handled by two men, the pilot and the weapons systems officer. Crew coordination was straightforward. In the C-130, the procedures must be handled with inputs from two pilots, a navigator, a load master and the flight engineer.

Crew coordination is not a new concept for MSGT Jim Everett. Everett was an FE on the 123d TRW's old C-131 transport plane, which gave way

several years ago to the newer C-12. On a recent training flight from Mansfield, Ohio to the Bermuda Islands, Sergeant Everett got to put his crew coordination experience to work with his new knowledge of the C-130 systems. Halfway between Savannah, Ga., and Bermuda, the crew on Sergeant Everett's plane had to shut down a malfunctioning engine.

Everything went well, he said, and the plane continued to the most appropriate landing field, Bermuda Naval Air Station (naturally) and landed uneventfully. Despite this episode, Sergeant Everett says the C-130 is a much better airplane than the C-131.

Phase II training is the tactical portion of the training. This gets the FE checked out in low-level flying, tactical air drops and landings. After 100 flying hours the FE gets a tactical check ride. When that is completed, his is considered fully mission qualified.

Awards and Decorations Now Worn On Army Green Shirt

SGT Steve Collier, 133d P.A.D.

Army Policy now allows Kentucky Guardsmen to wear ribbons and badges on the Army green shirt, a practice authorized a decade ago in tropical climates.

Army Regulations 670-1 is being rewritten to reflect the uniform change approved by the Army Chief of Staff in mid-January for all soldiers. The new AR 670-1 will be distributed during the third quarter of fiscal year 1989.

KYARNG CSM Thomas Pendleton said the change came about because so many people are

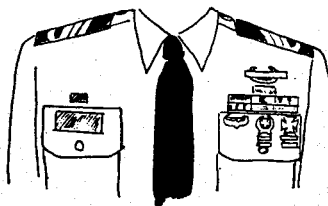
wearing the class B uniform. "But a Guardsman doesn't have to wear any of his awards, it's optional, unless ordered to wear them by the commander for parades, reviews, inspections or other military functions," CSM Pendleton continued, "Regimental crests may also be worn on the right breast, above the name tag."

The list of optional wear items for the green shirt includes almost everything authorized for the Class A uniform, except for sew-on insignia, patches, the combat leaders tab and distinctive unit insignia — none of which are to be worn on the green shirt. Ranger and Special Forces Metal Tab replicas

may be worn as they'd be worn on the dress blue coat.

"That's the key," CSM Pendleton said, "wear it on the green shirt exactly as it would be worn on the green coat (male or female), except for the items not authorized."

The Army is also modifying the green shirt's construction, making it more durable and enhancing its appearance. The new shirt will feature a slightly heavier fabric, fused construction of the collar, cuffs, pocket flaps and epaulets — although past experience has shown that wearing of the ribbons and badges doesn't damage the current issue shirt.



THE NEW LOOK
FOR CLASS B'S

Guard Assists Disaster Exercise

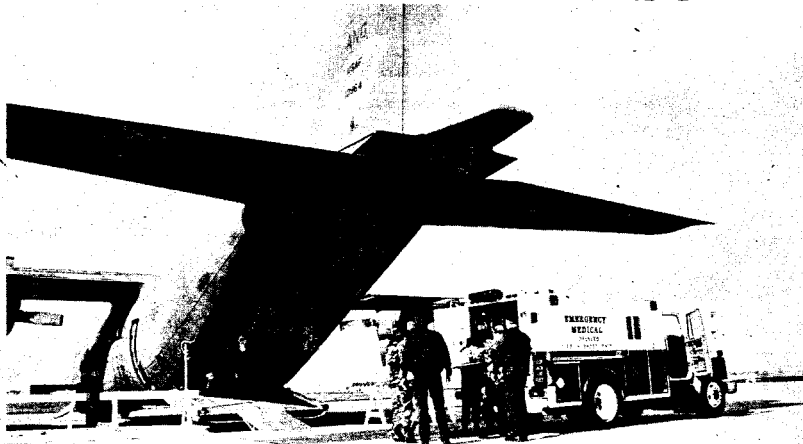
The Kentucky Air Guard C-130 transport had barely coasted to a stop on the ramp of Lexington's Blue Grass Airport when the first ambulance crews and Army medics began rolling up to the aircraft's back ramp to begin unloading more than 70 "victims" for triage and transportation to local hospitals.

Based on a scenario involving a major earthquake in Western Kentucky in which 8000 people were killed and almost 35,000 injured, the mock disaster exercise was a test of the National Disaster Medical System's ability to provide emergency transportation and medical treatment to the victims of such a disaster.

Emergency medical and law enforcement agencies from 12 Central Kentucky counties participated in the exercise, including the Kentucky Air and Army Guard.

"Being able to practice doing what we may have to do in the event we had a real earthquake puts our folks miles ahead," said Deputy Adjutant General James "Mike" Molloy, who was on hand to observe the exercise in his role as director of the state Division of Disaster and Emergency Services.

"I think our Air Guardsmen found it extremely beneficial to get an idea of what it would be like to handle such a large scale aeromedical evacuation, in particular the off loading procedures and priorities used by emergency medical personnel."



KYANG C-130 crewmen assist Emergency Medical Personnel by carrying victims from plane to waiting EMS ambulances. Pictured are SSGT J.D. Brown, Maj. Howard P. Hunt, SGT Dave Stasinger and SrAMN D.B. Redley.

Historical Records of Kentuckians in Uniform

By Jason LeMay, KDMA

FRANKFORT, Kentucky — Whether you are interested in what a civil war enlistment paper looks like, or whether your ancestors fought in the Mexican war, Joe Craft and his experts can help you.

Craft is the Branch Manager for the Military Records and Research Branch under the recently formed Division of Veterans Affairs for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The paper and microfilm records of Kentuckians' service to their country is located in the Pine Hill Plaza, Louisville Road, in Frankfort.

The Branch has on hard file (paper) more than 80,000 National Guard records dating from 1923 to present day. They have records on microfilm stretching from 1870 to 1923. Craft's house of history also stores 30 filing cabinets of historical files holding documents and orders dating as far back as 1792.

Joe Craft, formerly Administrative Assistant of the United States Property and Fiscal Office on Boone National Guard Center, currently has his hands full updating a military history of the

Kentucky National Guard. The old Federal Writers Program covers the history from 1760 through 1937.

Craft is a five year veteran of the military records business but he has had some help on this project by coop interns from universities across the state. His current trusted assistant is David Thomas of Waddy, Kentucky. Thomas is an English Major at Eastern Kentucky University.

Thomas is now focusing on the reorganization of the National Guard after World War II up to 1950. One major source of information for the updated history will be oral interviews. Craft and Thomas currently have interviews scheduled with Brigadier General Taylor Davidson and Brigadier General Frank Dailey. A group interview, scheduled for later in May, so far includes: Major General Larry Dawson, Brigadier General Charles Cronan, Brigadier General Robert Goetzman, Colonel Elmer Carrell and Colonel Charles Ball. They hope to schedule other interviews as well.

"The Military Records and Research Branch is the best kept secret in the

state of Kentucky," said Joe Craft. "We welcome people to come in and use our resources," said Craft.

"I hope to begin a collection of photographs and other memorabilia dealing with Kentucky's military history. I would love to have any old pictures of past National Guard Annual Training or anything of that

sort. I can get them copied and return the originals or offer them a good, permanent home."

The Branch's first publication, available in the reference section of the state's major libraries, is titled "Kentucky State Guard in the Spanish-American War." It was ten years in the making from beginning research to publication last year.



Joe Craft (right) supervises entries into the collection of names, places, dates and awards that make up the historical data of the Kentucky Division of Veterans Affairs Military Records and Research Branch.

Ranger Training Offered to 1/149th INF

Two members of Kentucky's 1st Battalion 149th Infantry (Mechanized) could be attending Ranger School in Training Year 1990. Adjutant General Michael W. Davidson has authorized the 1/149th to request two slots, primarily for soldiers in the unit who excel in meeting the demanding criteria of both their unit and the Ranger School.

"Ranger School, simply stated, is another mechanism we want to offer for soldiers in order to progress toward total readiness," according to LTC Larry Arnett, battalion commander.

The 1/149th INF will develop a spirited competition for the elite training to insure maximum benefit for the soldiers chosen. The school will offer

the individual soldier an excellent opportunity to sharpen personal combat skills and to participate in the best infantry training available to active duty and reserve component soldiers.

Applicants from the battalion must be males who meet all Army fitness standards. They must also complete several Combat Water Survival Test events and be proficient in 37 common

skills tests, as well as meeting other rigorous standards for entry into the Ranger course. They will also require a recommendation by their chain of command and pass a review board.

Only one member of the Kentucky Army National Guard has ever attended Ranger School in the past.

Despite Weather, MP's Keep Up Derby Tradition

By CW2 James D. Pope Jr.,
133d PAD

The 115th running of the Kentucky Derby this year commanded not only the special teamwork of the Kentucky Army and Air National Guard, but also umbrellas, heavy clothing, and a jug of something hot rather than a mint julep.

This Derby will go down in history as one of the coldest on record. The thermometer was hovering on the 43 degree mark at Derby time, but seemed much colder due to the cold rain and wind chill factor. Only two other Derbys have had similar low temperatures, one in 1937, and another in 1957.

Even though conditions were terrible, MP's from the 223rd, 438th, and 614th MP Companies, all part of the 198th MP Battalion, Louisville, KY, and members of the Kentucky Air Guard Security Police Platoon, upheld the long tradition of law enforcement support.

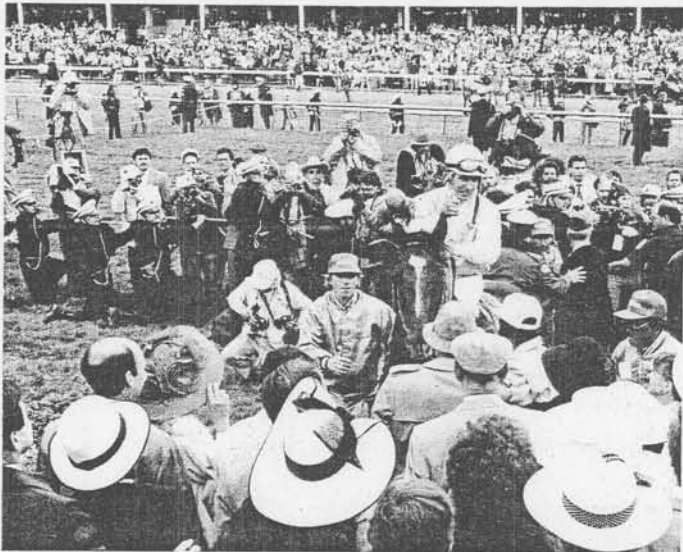
The Military law enforcement teams again this year, linked up with the Louisville City and Jefferson

County Police Departments with the Kentucky State Troopers providing over-all support.

"The MP's continued their fine tradition of excellence with another outstanding performance during the Derby activities, in face of harsh weather conditions," said LTC Elmo C. Head, The Adjutant General Liaison for Track at Churchill Downs.

The Governor was also provided with a security escort team made up of KYARNG MP's and Kentucky State Troopers. One of the most unusual duties this year was keeping the Governor dry as he was escorted at various times during the day. Major James W. Cook, of the 475th Hospital Group, Frankfort, KY, who was in charge of the escort team made sure that enough umbrellas were issued for not only the rain, but also hail, and random snow flurries.

The 441st Med Det (Hel AMB) provided Medevac support. The 202nd Army Band was kept busy playing for three events prior to the Derby including the Governor's Derby Party, breakfast, and brunch.



Military Police of the 198th MP Battalion hold back a crowd of photographers as Kentucky Derby winner, Sunday Silence enters the winners circle at Churchill Downs.

Guard PX Usage Procedures Explained

In the March 1989 issue of *The Bluegrass Guard* we printed the latest procedures required for entrance into the Commissaries. Find the latest procedures required by the service member and/or spouse/dependents for entering the Army Air Force Exchanges (Post Exchange/Base Exchanges). This is also one of the benefits eligible for every member of the Kentucky Army and Air National Guard.

Reservists and Guardsmen who perform inactive duty training, in a pay or non-pay status are authorized one day of unlimited exchange privileges for each 4-hour period of training. Those performing active duty training are entitled to unlimited privileges during the period of such training. Reservists, Guardsmen and dependents may choose any day or days to exercise their exchange privilege.

Identification

The Reservists or Guardsmen will be asked to show their US Armed Forces identification card, DD Form 2 (red)

plus their Earnings Statement (ES) or Letter of Authorization (LA) at the point of purchase or upon entering the exchange when not in military uniform. For purchases by Reservists of Guardsmen on inactive duty training in a pay status, **Earnings Statement** is required. For purchases by such members on inactive duty training for points but not for pay, a **Letter of Authorization** is required. The ES or LA will be date stamped to indicate that a day of exchange privilege has been exercised. There is no limit to the number of transactions which a Reservist may make during the day he/she exercises their exchange privileges.

Dependents are allowed to accompany sponsor or use the sponsor's shopping privileges without the sponsor being present.

The dependent must present the sponsor's ES or LA, plus identification such as a dependent ID card, driver's license, marriage certificate or a sponsor's certified statement of dependency authenticated by the Reserve Component Unit Commander.

If the sponsor is on active duty,

dependents are authorized use of the exchange upon presentation of a copy of endorsed orders (or letters of authorization) without being accompanied by the sponsor.

Earnings Statement

Is to be used by Reservists and Guardsmen who perform inactive duty training in a pay status.

Is valid for 12 months from date earned.

Can be used by sponsor's dependents when not accompanied by the sponsor.

Will be date stamped by exchange personnel when the member or dependent exercises a day of exchange privileges by making a purchase. For the remainder of that day, the ES will be accepted as allowing the member unlimited exchange privileges.

Does not provide for identification of the member's spouse. The spouse will be required to present appropriate identification (dependent ID) card, social security card or driver's license) when accompanying the member into an exchange.

Reservists, Guardsmen and

dependents who special order merchandise; purchase merchandise on a layaway basis; or leave merchandise for repair will be permitted to complete the transaction on another day without being charged another full day of exchange privilege. To complete the transaction, they must produce the LA or ES as identification for the original order and a receipt which documents the original transaction.

Reservists and Guardsmen are permitted use of the AAFES Mail Order Catalog in the exchange or within their unit.

Letter of Authorization

Is used by Reservists and Guardsmen who perform inactive duty training in a nonpay status.

Is issued by Unit Commander or his designated representative.

Will be date stamped by exchange personnel to indicate the member or dependent has exercised one day of exchange privilege. For the remainder of that day, the letter will allow the member unlimited exchange privileges.

Please consult your exchange manager if you have any questions.

Viet Bonus Program Going Strong

Kentucky veterans of the Vietnam era conflict have now mailed in 39,000 applications for the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Bonus.

"There are an estimated 108,000

eligible veterans in the state of Kentucky," said Larry Arnett, Division of Veterans Affairs Director. "Since we began accepting applications on March 1st the response has been excellent. I appreciate the cooperation by the news media and our veterans organizations in helping us get the information on the bonus program distributed."

Application forms for the bonus are available at local County Clerks' offices, Department of Employment Services field offices statewide and at each National Guard armory in Kentucky.

"Things are running smoothly thus far," said Ed Gill, Vietnam Veterans Bonus Branch Manager. "The

response has been good and we believe we will meet the deadline, however veterans are reminded that failure to provide a copy of their DD 214 will result in a delay in processing the application.

Vietnam veterans or beneficiaries who have questions about the program or the applications can call 1-800-223-0713 toll free.